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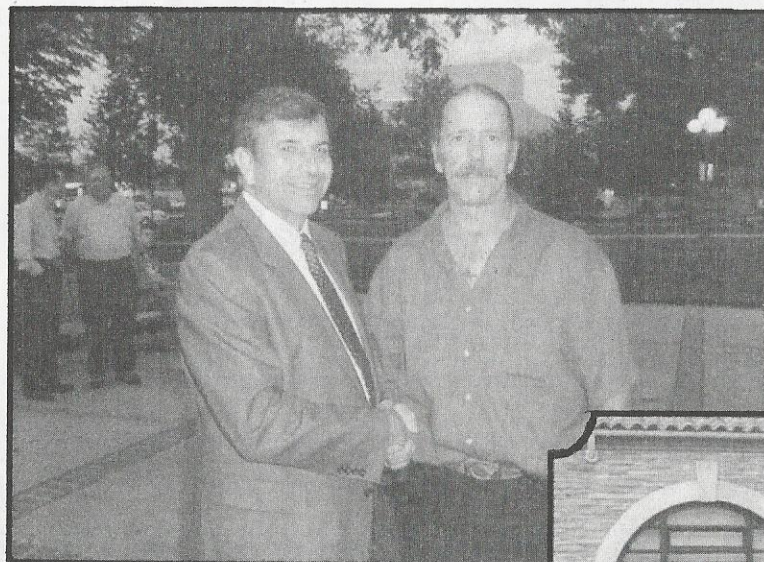
## BADNARIK IN COLORADO

LP presidential candidate Michael Badnarik's three-day visit to Colorado was a resounding success.

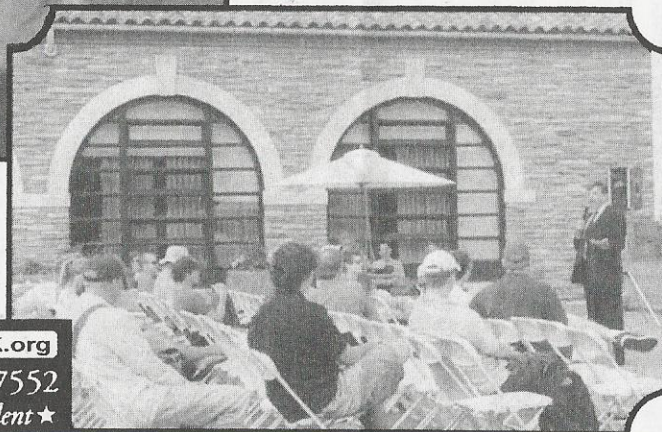
Badnarik gave a number of newspaper, radio, and television interviews, including an appearance on Peter Boyles' Colorado Inside-Out.

He also spoke at events and gave media interviews in Colorado Springs, Denver, Fort Collins and Boulder.

In addition, Colorado Libertarians helped to raise more than \$12,000 for Badnarik's campaign.



Above: Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik with Mike Kien, candidate for Routt County Commissioner.



Right: Michael Badnarik speech at CU

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## BALLOT ISSUES

### REFERENDUM 4A: FASTRACKS

A referred initiative to increase the Regional Transportation District (RTD) taxes to \$258.34 million annually and by whatever additional amounts are raised annually thereafter, by increasing the rate of sales tax levied by the district from the current six-tenths of one percent to one percent. Moneys raised would be exempt from the revenue and spending restrictions contained in Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado constitution until such time as all debt is repaid.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

FasTracks costs too much and does too little. Including finance charges, building FasTracks will cost \$8.4 billion. This 67 percent sales tax increase is a corporate welfare program that will attract few people out of their cars. For \$0 and a 0 percent sales tax increase, local governments could remove barriers to private transportation for hire services in order to allow privately operated "public" transportation to be made widely available.

### REFERENDUM 4B: SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT

A referred amendment to Title 32, Section 13 of the Colorado Revised Statutes extending the life of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, along with modifying the administration of the district and the distribution of funds.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

The government taxes everyone in the district to support the SCFD, regardless of whether residents patronize the facilities, or can afford the tax. The cultural facilities should be supported by the patrons, who benefit from the use of the facilities. This coerced flow of tax dollars from working people will promote the funding of bureaucratic SCFD mismanagement and inefficiency and deny patrons the ability to vote with their dollars to support the facilities based on quality of service and benefit to the community.

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

by Norm Olsen

The sanctity of our elections is coming into severe question. Regardless of who wins and who loses this election season, liberty is best served if the election itself is fair and honest. Being an election judge helps this cause, as well as educating you as to how the whole process works. You will also get to meet some neighbors you have never met before.

So consider being an election judge. Call your county clerk's election division and volunteer. There is some pay involved, but you won't get rich being an election judge. It's pretty much volunteering all the way.

### NOTICE

The 2005 annual business meeting, assembly, and convention of the Libertarian Party of Colorado will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2005 at the County Pavillion in Montrose Colorado. The business meeting is expected to be complete by 4 PM, 5 PM at the latest.

Montrose? Yes Montrose. Why Montrose? The last 8 conventions (that I can remember, and probably a bunch before that) have all been on the front range. We do have an active affiliate, and several new struggling affiliates on the western slope. It's us front ranger's turn to drive west.

More importantly, it is unrealistic to believe that any minor party will make its mark in the heavily populated front range. Just ask Frank Attwood. It is in the less populated counties, like many of those on the western slope, where we will be able to make our mark and establish a strong base upon which to build a truly viable political party. Our outreach efforts have confirmed that folks in the mountain areas are much more likely to be libertarian than anywhere else.

It is time we face up to this fact of life and start building solid affiliates in these smaller counties. Please join me in Montrose, on Saturday, May 7, 2005 as we start this process in earnest.

The business meeting is being scheduled in one contiguous time slot. As of now, there are no other activities planned, but the folks in Montrose are sure to arrange some events. (I overheard some whispers about a shooting event.) Visit the web site to learn of the details as they develop.

At the meeting, five officers will be elected. These officers are: State Chair, Campaigns Director, Treasurer, Media Director, and Publications Director. All of these positions have a two year term. Again, check our web site for descriptions of these positions.

You do not have to be at the meeting to be considered for, or elected to, any of these positions. (You might want to attend to make sure you are not elected to one of these offices. :-) Simply make your desire to be considered known to me or another board member. Anyone can be nominated at the meeting, provided that there is good reason to believe that the nominated individual does intend to serve.

It is not required that you inform me of your intention to run for a party office, but it would be appreciated. It makes the process so much easier if those considering running for an office have an idea of what slots already have one or more members in the race. Anyone who would like to be considered for any of these positions and will not be able to attend the meeting, or would like some assistance, or would like some advice, or need a nominator, please contact me and I will be happy to help you.

*"There are few things as uncommon as common sense" - Frank McKinney Hubbard*

### Deadline Looms for

#### 2004 Lights of Liberty awards

The clock is ticking for libertarians in Colorado who want to help promote the libertarian movement -- and earn valuable prizes and public recognition for doing so.

December 31, 2004 is the deadline to qualify for the annual Lights of Liberty awards, sponsored by the Advocates for Self-Government.

"If you help publicize libertarianism in a positive way in 2004, we want to reward you," said Advocates President Sharon Harris. "We know the best way to spread the word about liberty is for libertarians to reach out to people in their community, and the Lights of Liberty program encourages that kind of vital grassroots activity." To qualify, submit your name (or the names of other individuals who engaged in outreach activity) at: [www.TheAdvocates.org/lights.html](http://www.TheAdvocates.org/lights.html). Or e-mail: [Lights@TheAdvocates.org](mailto:Lights@TheAdvocates.org). Or call: (800)932-1776. The Advocates for Self-Government is a nonprofit organization.



Libertarian Presidential candidate Michael Badnarik and Norm Olsen

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### David Segal - LP activist & former Senatorial Candidate R.I.P.

From David Bryant:

I'm passing along some very sad news about David Segal. He was killed in an accident last week. He was 57 years old. Newcomers to the party may not remember him. He was the Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in 1998. He used to be a regular contributor to the "Colorado Liberty." People in Boulder may remember his column, "Modest Proposals," that ran in the Colorado Daily for a couple of years. He was a passionate defender of the Second Amendment. David is survived by his wife, Carissa Figaro, and by two daughters, Victoria and Olivia. If you knew David, you might want to send a sympathy card. The address is: Carissa Figaro

Victoria and Olivia Segal  
11805 Cochise Circle  
Conifer, Colorado 80433



## Libertarian Candidates

### PRESIDENT: Michael Badnarik



Age: 50  
Occupation: computer programmer  
Prior campaigns: Libertarian candidate for Texas House of Representatives (Austin-area) in 2000 & 2002.

Quotes: "I trust you to run your life." It is time for the American people to whittle back the size of government to do only what it was intended to do by the Constitution. If they were doing only what we the people granted them the authority to do, there would be very little for the federal government to do indeed. "Don't even THINK about taking my guns! My rights are not negotiable, and I am totally unwilling to compromise when it comes to the Second Amendment." "[Same-sex marriage is] a religious and community matter -- the government shouldn't be in the business of licensing marriage, or of excluding anyone from it." "My understanding of the Constitution is that it allows us to do national defense. It does not permit us to do international offense." "Who would you rather see sitting in a U.S. prison cell right now: Saddam Hussein, or Osama bin Laden? If the president had made an all-out effort to capture the man who had just murdered thousands of innocent Americans, instead of a man who had no connection to that attack, the United States might be a much safer place right now." [www.badnarik.org](http://www.badnarik.org)

### VICE PRESIDENT: Richard Campagna

Age: 51

Occupation: attorney and college law professor  
\*Staunch defender of the right to privacy, non-interventionism, personal liberty and economic freedom

\*Deeply committed to leading our government towards significant educational reform, downsizing at all levels through constitutional mechanisms, and a non-interventionist foreign policy

\*Deeply committed to a revival of our common law rights, civilly & criminally, so that our citizens can be protected against illegal force, coercion and fraud. [www.badnarik.org/campagna\\_bio.php](http://www.badnarik.org/campagna_bio.php)  
<http://iowablogs.com/Richard>



### U.S. SENATE

#### Richard Randall



Age: 45  
Occupation: quality control management consultant  
\*Only a Libertarian is going to set you free.  
I will work to:  
\*Free you from the income tax.  
\*Unlock the door and let you out of Social Security.  
\*End the reckless foreign policy that puts your children at risk of fighting and dying in a foreign war, and that makes your city a target for terrorists.  
\*Return us to constitutional government.

### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### House District 2: Norm Olsen

Age: 58

Occupation: software developer

- \*We must honor our responsibilities to our veterans
- \*The size and scope of the federal government must be drastically reduced
- \*We must stop interfering in the affairs of other nations
- \*We must get government out of the healthcare business



### House District 5: Arthur "Rob" Roberts



Occupation: apprentice locksmith and pet services contractor

- \*Bring the soldiers in Iraq home as soon as possible
- \*Eliminate vote fraud
- \*End Government Sponsored Child Selling Industry.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/roberts](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/roberts)

### House District 6: Jack Woehr

Occupation: freelance writer and musician

- \*I believe the Libertarian Party offers a way out from destructive hyperpartisanship in the U.S. Congress
- \*I will work with the President towards normalization of the status of Mexican immigrants
- \*I oppose the USA-Patriot Act and believe it must be scrapped in its entirety



\*I oppose the War on Drugs in all its manifestations  
[www.well.com/~jax/2004](http://www.well.com/~jax/2004)

### COLORADO SENATE

#### Senate-District 12: Rob Herzfeld

#### Senate-District 14: Mark Brophy

#### Senate-District 17: Bo Shaffer



\*A politicians success should not be measured by the amount of money raised, but rather by the qualities and philosophies of the politician.

\*Although there is a need for congestion reduction and commuter augmentation, it's not clear that Fastracks is the right answer. Regional transportation issues are complex and require much stakeholder input.

\*As a homeschooler, I feel vouchers are a good way to give people a choice on how they want to educate their children.

\*I am for less regulation of small business, not giving free rein to large corporations.

\*The Drug War has cost this country more than can be counted. We must try and stop the insanity. [www.bo4senate.com](http://www.bo4senate.com)

#### Senate District 35 Kathleen Pierce

Age: 40

Occupation: automotive evaluator

\*I want to reduce the number of laws passed that seem designed to make people "feel" better about an issue, without actually addressing the root of the problem.

\*I am opposed to any interference in our Second Amendment rights and feel that any infringement is contrary to our Constitution and our personal safety.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/pierce](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/pierce)

### COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### House-District 6: Jeff Taton

Age: 40

Occupation: craftsman

\*I would like to see the government return to its intended function of working for the people, rather than the present situation, where the people are working for the government.

\*Drug War prohibition has turned into an "industrial complex". The prison construction and urine-testing industries are just two factions that profit by breaking up families, and keeping otherwise law-abiding citizens from contributing to their families, and our



economy.

\*The RIGHT of the PEOPLE to keep and bear Arms, shall NOT be infringed.

\*Corporate welfare: Taking private property to expand a municipality's tax base is just one example of an arrogant, greedy government "addicted" to funding. [www.lpcocandidates.org/taton](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/taton)

### House-District 13: Rand Fanshier



Occupation: self employed entrepreneur and consultant

\*Slash Government Spending: Republicans and Democrats have already squandered the entire surplus income in this country by taxing as much as they possibly can, stretching our once wealthy country to the breaking point.

\*Create Jobs Locally: I will help employers pay more and hire more, by insisting the government pay off its debts and become less of a burden.

\*Build Families: Do not be fooled by bureaucrats' promises that they want to "help" our families. Let's tell them we can take care of our own families, thank you very much.

\*Decriminalize Marijuana Use: Our experiment in controlling human vice has done nothing to curb drug use and makes criminals of people who do not infringe on the rights of others.

\*Encourage Freedom and Liberty: I want you to know that America is not great because of government. America is great because for most of her history, her people were self-reliant and their efforts were not taxed or regulated away.

[www.randfreedom.org](http://www.randfreedom.org)

### House-District 15 Shawn Horen

\*Repeal mandatory auto insurance

\*Repeal laws restricting gun ownership

\*Eliminate race based, religious based, gender based and ethnic based quotas.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/horen](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/horen)



### House-District 16: Scott Graves



Occupation: business owner

\*I plan to end Colorado's involvement with this country's failed experiment with drug prohibition.

\*I will oppose those laws already passed where the consequences were far worse than the problem they were meant to solve.

<http://scottgraves.lpep.us/content.php?content.2>

### House-District 17 Jessica Wheeler

Occupation: tutor

\*Exporting jobs overseas: To keep and hold jobs in Colorado, we need to make it valuable for business to locate here. That means lower taxes, less regulation and reducing state government spending.

\*Protecting our right to control taxes: I will strive to protect and uphold the right of Colorado citizens to decide their own fate when it comes to taxes.

\*Pay and benefit equity: Government employees should not receive better pay and benefits than the people who pay their taxes. [www.lpcocandidates.org/wheeler](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/wheeler)



### House District 18: Keith Hamburger

### House-District 20: Douglas Jones

Occupation: real estate broker

\*Education: Since educational vouchers have been ruled unconstitutional, the state needs to expand its support of charter schools and home schooling to further encourage our excellent alternatives to traditional schools.

\*Economic Progress: Our state legislature needs to be packed with individuals who actively defend the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR). I would do so. I would also support legislation to further protect individuals from identity theft, advertising fraud, and the economic devastation that they cause.

\*Violent Crime: We need laws that dramatically reduce domestic violence and provide better protection for victims. To reduce gang-related violence, we need to pull the distribution of marijuana from gangs and place it in the hands of legal entities. I support the defense and expansion of Amendment 20, our voter-approved medical marijuana law. [www.lpcocandidates.org/jones](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/jones)



### House-District 23: Michael McKinzie



Age: 45

Occupation: registered nurse

I will work for:

\*Stronger immigration law enforcement

\*An end to zoning and permit requirements

\*An end to corporate welfare

\*Less regulation of small business

[www.lpcocandidates.org/mckinzie](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/mckinzie)

### House-District 24: Shawn Elke Glazer

Occupation: medical doctor

\*Dr. Glazer supports your right to choose what is right for you and your family in:

\* Healthcare

\* Education

\* Spending

[www.electglazer.org](http://www.electglazer.org)



### House-District 26: Doug Anderson



Age: 47

Occupation: real estate investor

\*I trust you to run your life.

\*Informed voting: I commit to read and understand each and every bill before voting on it. Sadly, this is not the usual practice.

\*Eliminate the State income tax: Coloradans face unconscionably high taxes that drive two parents into the job market and make minimum wage jobs financially futile.

\*Lawsuit abuse: I will sponsor legislation to require all punitive damages awarded in lawsuits to be turned over to the state general fund and remove all caps on actual damages.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/anderson](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/anderson)

### House-District 37: Travis Nicks

### House-District 38: Frank Atwood



### House-District 42: Randall Phelps

"No one can terrorize a whole nation, unless we all are his accomplices" - Edward R Murrow



**House-District 41: Douglas F. Newman**

Occupation: sales

\*Government cannot solve either your economic problems or your personal problems.

\*Taxes & Spending: Consistent with his principal beliefs, Doug Newman will oppose any increase in state taxes or spending, and will work for real decreases in the size, cost, and intrusiveness of



state government.

\*Self-Defense: The right of innocent people to defend themselves is the right upon which all others depend.

\*Education: Opposes any government interference in the right of parents to choose how to educate their children.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/newman](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/newman)

**House-District 49: Alberto Squassabia****House-District 45 Steve Lechner****House-District 52: Jassen Bowman**

[www.lpcocandidates.org/bowman](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/bowman)

**House-District 60: Roger Easley**

Age: 43

Occupation: self-employed window washer

\*FEMA Takeover: The scientifically crafted takeover of local governments by a central "Federal" authority is not a theory folks. It is happening as we speak! FEMA, NORTHCOM, etc. Take action now!

\*Prison Planet: The drug war is the most obvious example. Yet, there are many incarcerated for other "crimes" created with the stroke of a pen, no victim.

Prisons for crimes not prohibition!

\*Citizen Involvement: There are literally thousands of grass-roots organizations, whose volunteers expose tyranny as a labor of love, a passion for justice. I will bring these groups into decisions.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/easley](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/easley)

**House-District 61: Dale Reed**

Age: 68

Occupation: retired

\*Reduce the size of government -- "...best government governs least!"

\*Agencies should be expected to function within their budgets, reduction in the size of most state agencies should yield extensive reductions in costs.

[www.lpcocandidates.org/reed](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/reed)

**UNIVERSITY of COLORADO REGENTS****CU Regent-District 4: Dan Cochran**

Occupation: Educator and corporate trainer

\*Offers creative ideas to help prepare higher education for the future

\*Supports giving parents and students more control of their education dollars

\*Will help restore integrity to the University of Colorado

[www.liberty1st.us](http://www.liberty1st.us)

**CU Regent-At Large: Daniel Ong****BOULDER COUNTY****Commissioner-District 1: Jeff Lauren Christen-Mitchell****Commissioner-District 2: Paul Tiger**

Age: 48

Occupation: computer systems integration, programmer and business consultant

\*I am an advocate for the fair and unbiased service of the county in the protection of its citizens' rights and privileges.

\*Acknowledgement of the desires of Electors and

Taxpayers is one of the key responsibilities of a Commissioner.

\*The control of land or other private property within this County is being removed by legal and illegal means by the commissioners.

[www.paultiger.com](http://www.paultiger.com)

**JEFFERSON COUNTY****Commissioner-District 1: Steve Gallant**

Age: 35

Occupation: self-employed day trader and writer

I will work to:

\*Reduce the tax and regulatory burdens on citizens and businesses

\*Reduce county bureaucracy

\*Provide more open, less arbitrary government

[www.lpcocandidates.org/gallant](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/gallant)

**ROUTT COUNTY****Commissioner-District 1 Mike Kien**

\*I will honor my oath to defend the Constitution of The United States.

\*Taxes: Taxes are far too high! I will use basic common sense and troubleshooting skills to lower the cost of government and thereby lower taxes.

\*Property Rights: Property owners should not have to beg the government for permission to use their property. Using eminent domain to seize private property is an act of violence and should only be used as a last resort. \*GRAM-NET: Our Judges should be more careful when issuing search warrants to GRAMNET officers. Every officer who violated their oath to protect our Constitutional rights and/or violated State law should be terminated. [www.lpcocandidates.org/kien](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/kien)

**SAGUACHE COUNTY****Commissioner-District 1: John Wetherell****WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER****District 3: Bruce Eckhart**

[www.lpcocandidates.org/eckhart](http://www.lpcocandidates.org/eckhart)

**Cortez City Council: Richard Lippard**

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## RECENT HAPPENINGS

by Deb Hamm

### THE SUPREMES & EMINENT DOMAIN

As this goes to press, the Supremes have said they will hear the case of *Kelo v City of New London*, which will decide if the Constitution allows governments to use eminent domain to take a person's property (home, land - security?) and hand it over to a business.

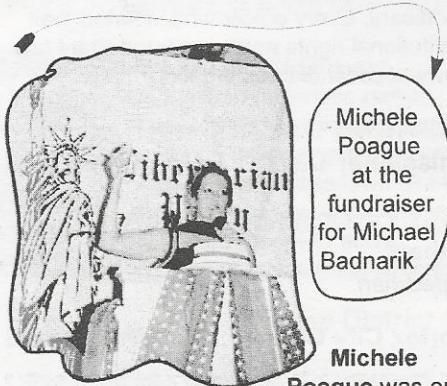
Most city councils and "urban renewal authorities" are arrogant, even obscene, in their penchant to seduce the deepest pocket. But, we pay for it and the "advised pleasures" are disguised under the robe of taxpayer funded subsidies, for private businesses. Corporate welfare.

Isn't prostitution illegal? Oh yeah, just for sex... hmmm...

Arvada was on the cutting edge when the Colorado Supreme court ruled against the taking of a private lake. And legislation was passed to curb this abuse. As I figured, it's just a bump in the road for those who think nothing of "taking" private property from people for a non-public use.

Have any of them read their job description? It's layed out in that seemingly obsolete document...The Constitution!

"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add 'within the law,' because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the rights of the individual." - Thomas Jefferson



Michele Poague was on

"Drawing the Line", (10/6) with host Reggie Rivers and two other 3rd party representatives: Roger Worrick, from the American Constitution Party and Rick Vanwie from the Green Party. Poague did an excellent job representing the Libertarian Party. The best I've ever seen! She was very articulate, confident and presented a firm grasp of Libertarian ideas. One hopes she will consider running for a high level office... Please? "Drawing the Line" is on Wednesday nights at 8 pm. Ari Armstrong ([freecolorado.com](http://freecolorado.com)) has appeared several times, and Norm Olsen has been on.

## LEGISLATIVE REFERENDA

### REFERENDUM A: STATE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Makes it easier to discipline or fire state employees.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

In spite of the possible abuse of the 140 appointments which would be available to the governor's office, this amendment removes the constitutional provision requiring testing of job applicants and allows a personnel manager to use background and experience as basis for qualification. This amendment simplifies the state constitution regarding the personnel system.

### REFERENDUM B: OBSOLETE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Eliminates obsolete provisions in the state constitution.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

These are necessary changes to the constitution that will bring it in line with Supreme Court rulings and remove expired provisions and offices which no longer exist.

## AMENDMENTS

### AMENDMENT 34: CONSTRUCTION LIABILITY

Would force Colorado contractors to pay higher damages for shoddy construction.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

An individual's right to sue should not be limited. Nor should the legislature or constitution determine damages. These matters should be left to the courts on a case-by-case basis.

### AMENDMENT 35: TOBACCO TAX INCREASE FOR HEALTH-RELATED PURPOSES

A proposal to raise the tobacco tax in order to fund health care and anti-smoking programs. It seeks to raise the tax on a packet of cigarettes by 64 cents for a total of 84 cents. The tax increase would bring in about \$175 million a year for programs like the Children's Basic Health Plan, Medicaid, primary care clinics, tobacco-use prevention and treatment of tobacco-related illnesses. The plan would raise the excise tax on other tobacco products like cigars and chewing tobacco by 20 percent.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

Instead of increasing taxes, reduce the size of government. This proposal unfairly targets poor people for more taxes, and the revenue generated is unlikely to benefit

them or to be used for the purposes specified. Smokers should not be singled out to be responsible for the health of others. Personal responsibility is healthy!

### AMENDMENT 36: SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

A plan to scrap the winner-take-all system of allocating electoral votes in Colorado. If passed, Amendment 36 would make Colorado the first state to allocate electoral votes proportionately according to the popular vote, rather than giving a winner all the state's electoral votes.

*The LPCO board supports Amendment 36, but Colorado Libertarians are divided on this issue. Therefore, we offer a PRO and CON:*

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS: PRO:

Let Colorado express itself proportionally! This is a great way to break the stranglehold of the major parties in government. Many people already feel their vote doesn't make a difference, and this feeling is actually borne out seeing the roughly 40% Democratic vote in this state ignored as we send 9 Republican electors to Washington DC. More important is the likelihood that in the future Libertarian electors can be sent, and completely change politics as we've known it.

#### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS: CON

Amendment 36's language explicitly states that the vote is RETROACTIVE. This "ex post facto" provision will make A36 subject to valid legal challenges. Paul Grant, the respected Libertarian lawyer, says that, should A36 pass, he'll likely take it to court. Do we want the courts to decide the next election?

A36 will make it HARDER for Libertarian candidates to get votes because in a winner-take-all Electoral College situation (as exists now) a voter can vote Libertarian if the voter's "lesser of two equals" preference is either going to certainly win or certainly lose in Colorado. By shifting the vote to the national stage, a vote for a Libertarian candidate will be perceived as "a vote too precious to waste" by the typical voter. In the unlikely event that people vote for a third-party, the beneficiaries will be the Greens and/or Naderites thus pushing our republic further to the left.

A36 concentrates more power in the hands of the U.S. Congress by making it more likely that - should the unlikely occur and a third-party candidate gets Electoral College votes - that the decision as to who should become the next president then falls to the Congress.

See Amendment 37: page 7



## Fresh Start - Outreach 2004 by Rand



Fanshier  
The LP of Colorado will grow up this year, from a loose confederation of independent libertarians

who will or won't get things done, to a loose confederation of AFFILIATES working independently to achieve success.

I will be helping bring affiliates up so they have duties that they have not really had in the past. Not a set of new rules, but a set of guidelines and "what are affiliates for" sort of thing. Having worked on outreach for about a year now, I more clearly see what has been missing, and the state party can supply many things to affiliates that will help them in their goals. Presented here is the mission for outreach from now until Convention 2005. In essence, it is all about empowering county affiliates to set and achieve goals that will further the party in Colorado.

1) The purpose of affiliates is to increase libertarian voter registrations in their county every month and strive to get candidates elected.

2) Affiliates increase their membership via outreach booths and other on-the-street activity, including working crowds at major local events, attending local meetings of other organizations, simply approaching people outside the local grocery store, or buying advertising space on bus benches or in local newspapers. There should be at least one individual in the affiliate who formulates the membership/registration targets and then helps organize the affiliate to achieve its own goals.

3) Affiliates will to the best of their ability fill their slate of candidates. Toward this effort, the state party can supply each affiliate with the districts they need to fill. There should be at least one individual in the affiliate who takes on the goal of filling the slate with qualified libertarian candidates.

4) Affiliates send delegates to the State Convention, who represent their affiliate, and speak for their affiliate.

5) Affiliates keep in contact with their membership, i.e.: the greater pool of registered libertarians in their county, by email, telephone, or printed newsletter, to notify them of

local events the membership can opt into. The state party assists by providing monthly lists of the new libertarians in each county to their respective affiliates.

6) Let's be open to affiliates fitting into these criteria in loose ways; they can maintain their own set of bylaws that don't necessarily have to conform to this. Affiliates are encouraged to take on other projects as well, such as getting published, influencing office-holders in other parties, sponsoring voter initiatives, forming a discussion group. But these activities should augment, and not take away from, the number one purpose: To increase libertarian voter registrations every month and strive to get candidates elected.

Applying these guidelines, and with a lot of persistence and hard work, Libertarians in Colorado can look forward to creating a powerful political force, which will be effective in moving policy in an increasingly Libertarian direction for years to come! Please contact your local affiliate, find out what's going on, and decide how you can get involved today.

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### AMENDMENT 37: RENEWABLE ENERGY REQUIREMENT

Requires power companies to provide a certain amount of renewable energy.

### LIBERTARIAN ANALYSIS:

The best approach to accomplish this will be to enable power users statewide to purchase from the supplier of their choice. Instead of mandating energy the consumers vote with their dollars.

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We're working hard to create a more Libertarian society, but we need your help

**The number one** thing you can do is register to vote as a Libertarian. You can ask friends and family to register as Libertarian too.

**You can** volunteer to help with outreach and mailings. It's a great way to share ideas with like-minded people.

**You can** write letters to the editor of your local paper supporting libertarian ideas. Many small papers love to receive letters from the community.

**You can** run for office. If you don't think you have the skills, attend one of the Party's training seminars. We will teach you everything you need to know.

**You can** become a dues paying member of the Libertarian Party. Your \$25 membership includes National and State dues.

**You can** purchase a Bus Bench Ad. Imagine seeing a bold Libertarian ad on a bus bench in your neighborhood.

**You can** join the 1776 Club, our monthly pledge program. These regular dollars help us keep a newsletter in your hands and support our small office.

**You can** donate funds to the State party. All of our projects from membership outreach to candidate training is dependent on your voluntary donations.

Please help us do more for you.

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